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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON DANIEL MOLGAT, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO PORTUGAL

- 1. BORN IN STE. ROSE DU LAC, MANITOBA ON JUNE 17, 1935, MOLGAT RECEIVED BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA IN 1955 AND M.A. FROM OXFORD, WHICH HE ATTENDED AS RHODES SCHOLAR. HE COMPLETED STUDIES AT INSTITUT D'ETUDES POLITIQUES, PARIS, IN 1959.
- 2. MOLGAT ENTERED CANADIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1959. IN 1961 HE WENT TO HONG KONG TO LEARN CHINESE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AT THE END OF WHICH (1963) HE WAS ASSIGNED AS ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL DELEGATE IN HONG KONG. IN 1964 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO OTTAWA IN THE OFFICE OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, AND IN 1967 WAS SENT TO RAWALPINDI AS FIRST SECRETARY. IN 1968 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ISLAMABAD AS COUNSELOR, AND THEN IN 1969 AS COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE CONTINUED TO COVER ASIAN SCENE. HE RETURNED TO OTTAWA IN 1971 TO ASSUME DIRECTION OF OFFICE OF SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS AND IN 1976 OFFICE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER JACQUELINE MAUS, AND THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.
- 3. COMMENT: MOLGAT IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE IS BRIGHT AND CAPABLE, REGULARLY SHOWING GOOD JUDGMENT AND QUICK GRASP OF ISSUES. HE IS OPEN, CANDID, AND FRIENDLY. HIS ENGLISH IS FLUENT ALTHOUGH HIS BACKGROUND IS FRENCH-CANADIAN; HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CANADIAN POLITICS, WITH CLOSE LINKS TO THE LIBERAL PARTY. DUEMLING

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